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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 24th/April, through Sunday, 1st/May there were 214 countries active. Countries available: 1S, 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0A, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J5, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZL, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

2016 DIGIATL MODE MOST WANTED SURVEY (Press Release)

All digital operators are invited to participate in the "2016 Digital Mode Most Wanted Survey".

Previously known as the "RTTY Most Needed DXCC Entities Survey" in 2002, 2005 and 2011, the name has been changed to reflect current times and to be more in line with the Digital DXCC award.

Several entities at the top of the 2011 list have been active recently, so now is a good time to find out what's needed on the digital modes. The survey can be found here:

http://survey.hamdocs.com/index.php/468764

Please be sure to read the "How to use the 2016 Digital Mode DX Most Wanted Survey" at the top of the page. The survey will only be available for two weeks and will close at 2359Z on Friday, May 13, 2016. So don't delay, please complete the survey promptly. It is our hope to have the results available before the Dayton Hamvention. It's very important that every digital operator take part in the survey in order to achieve the most accurate results possible. These surveys help DXpedition planners and are of interest to all digital operators. Feel free to forward this invitation to other groups.

A new feature has been added to this year's survey. It's now possible to work on the survey, take a break from it and resume it later. You don't have to complete the survey all at one time. There is a button at the very end of the survey that says "Resume Later". Clicking this option will bring you to a page that asks for your name, a password and email address. Email will be sent to you with a link that will bring you back to the survey you were working on. Or you can resume the survey using your password.

Thank you for your participation!
73 from the Survey Team: Don AA5AU
Ed W0YK
Larry K8UT
Past survey results can be found here:

http://www.aa5au.com/rtty/rtty-most-needed-dxcc-entities

CP, BOLIVIA

Antonio, EA5RM, will once again be in Bolivia from July 1st to August 3rd, working on a NGO project installing HF radios solar powered for medical purposes in isolated small villages deep inside the Bolivian Amazon jungle. He will be on the air during his spare time as CP1XRM using a barefoot solar powered HF station into a vertical antenna. QSL card via his home callsign EA5RM.

E6, NIUE

Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, will be active as E6AC (license received upon arrival) from **Niue Island (OC-040)** between May 5-10th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using mostly CW with some SSB and RTTY. From past operations, Nobuaki uses a TS-480HX w/200 watts on HF and 100 watts on 6m. Antennas are a 10m Micro-vertical (160/80/40/30m), Single-Delta-Loop (20/17/15/12/10m) and a LW for 6m. Log will be posted to ClubLog daily. QSL via JA0JHQ, direct, by the Bureau and LoTW (after his return). For more details and updates, see:

http://pandasan.jimdo.com

FM, MARTINIQUE

Operators Bill/AA4OC, Joe/N7BF, Mac/WT4BT and Ev/W6ABM will be active as FM/AA4OC, FM/N7BF, FM/WT4BT and FM/W6ABM from Martinique Island (NA-107) between October 29th and November 4th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

H40 & H44, TEMOTU PROVINCE AND SOLOMON ISLANDS (Update to OPDX.1255/56)

Stan, LZ1GC, will be active from Temotu Province as H40GC and the Solomon Islands as H44GC between September 24th and October 21st. Stan will now be joined by Emil, DL8JJ (LZ2EN), from Honiara, Guadalcanal Island (OC-047) as H44GC between September 24th and October 3rd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, with a focus on the low bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:

> **CW** - 1822.5, 3502, 5371.5, 7024, 10116, 14010, 18070, 21015, 24895 and 28010 kHz [Listening 1-5 up]
> **SSB** - 1850, 3790, 5403.5, 7164, 14170, 18135, 21265, 24940, 28470 kHz [Listening 5-15 up]
> **RTTY** - 1838, 3585, 7038, 10138, 14088, 18098, 21088 and 28088 kHz [Listening 1-5 up]
> **6m** - 50100 kHz

Stan will then travel to Lata, **Nendo Island (OC-100)**, in the Temotu Province, and be active as H40GC between October 4-17th. He will return to operate again as H44GC from **Guadalcanal Island (OC-047**) between October 18-21st. QSL via his home callsign, direct, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS (the preferred method). For more details and possible updates, see:

http://www.c21gc.com

HAMVENTION NEWS

27th ANNUAL TOPBAND DINNER (Update)

Tim, K3LR, reports: Tables are filling up fast for the 27th Annual TopBand Dinner in Dayton. Friday, May 20, 2016.
Keynote speaker is our TopBand reflector moderator Tree, N6TR. Go to **http://topbanddinner.com/** to get signed up for dinner tickets.
If you like to hang out with TopBand ops - this is the dinner for you.

Contest Activities (Dayton 2016)

The World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) is pleased to present Tim Duffy, K3LR, and a look at contest activities at Dayton 2016. You can view the short video at:

http://wwrof.org/webinar-archive/dayton-2016-contest-activities/

IOTA NEWS

AS-007. Look for special event station 8J1ITU from Kasumigaura City (Japan JCC# 1430) on **Honshu Island** (JIIA **AS-007**-001, WLOTA 2376) between May 1st (1500z on April 30th) and May 31st (1459z on May 31st). Activity is to celebrate the anniversary of the foundation of ITU (World Telecommunication and Infor- mation Society Day - May 17th). 8J1ITU is

operated by Japan's ITU Amateur Radio Club during the month of May every year. QSL via the Bureau (JARL) or eQSL.

AS-173. Operators Manoj/VU2CPL, San/VU2WH and Kiran/VU3KPL will be active as AT5P from **Island of Rameswaram (Pamban)** between May 6-9th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB with two stations (K3 and TS590 with ACOM1000 and ZZ750 amps) on the air. QSL via NI5DX.

EU-095. Members of the IDRE and Castres DX Gang will be active as TM5FI from **Frioul Island** between May 4-10th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, with 4 stations on the air and will operate on SSB, CW and the Digital modes (RTTY and PSKxx). Online log will be updated at least 1 time per day. QSL via the Bureau or direct to F5XX.

EU-103. Members of the Papa Lima DX and Contest Group will be active as EJ1Y from **Little Saltee Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st). QSL via EI5JQ. There will be a possible oper- ation as EJ0PL before and after RSGB IOTA Contest. More details will be forthcoming (Team and Dates).

EU-123. Ed, G3SQX, will be active as GM7O from **Isle of Arran** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/Mode-CW/ 12Hrs/High-Power entry. QSL via G3SQX direct.

EU-174. Laci, HA0HW, will once again be active from **Thassos Island** (GIOTA NAS-037, MIA MG-124, WLOTA LH-4186, QRA KN20HS), as SW8WW (ex-J48HW) between May 26th and June 6th. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB and RTTY on the HF bands (usually on 40/30/20/17/12/10 meters) and on 6 meters. He may enter the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low- Power entry. His rigs are usually a FT-840 with a MOS-FET amp- lifier (300-400 watts) and an IC-706 (for 6m only). Antennas are a monoband Gps, dipoles on SPIDER, and dipoles on fishing poles. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the HA Bureau, or by the OQRS via ClubLog is 'OK' as well.

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For May)

The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of May 2016:

> **GX4BJC/A** - Operated from Clacton on Sea, in Essex, by George, G1IPU. (/A WAB Square TM11 - **England, IOTA EU-005**, WLOTA 1841).
> **ADDED NOTES:** George will also operate as:
> **GS4BJC/P** - Scotland, WLOTA 1234.
> **GC4BJC/P** - Wales, WLOTA 0453.
> His WAB information will be given if requested.
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> **MX1SWL/A** - Operated from Walton on the Naze, in Essex, by Herbie, G6XOU. (/A WAB Square TM22 - **England, IOTA EU-005**, WLOTA 1841). ADDED NOTE: Herbie will also operate as MX1SWL/P from various locations. His WAB information will be given if requested.

ALL QSLs will be handled by Herbie, G6XOU, and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on

www.iswl.org.uk or www.qrz.com or via www.eQSL.cc

. NO LoTW. I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWLs, see www.iswl.org.uk for full details. T he eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards. **J6, ST. LUCIA**
Operators Bill/AA4OC, Joe/N7BF, Mac/WT4BT, Ev/W6ABM, Scott/AK5SD and possibly others will be active as J68OC, J68KF, J68MT, J6/W6ABM and J6/AK5SD, respectively from Saint Lucia Island (NA-108) between November 4-12th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns or LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA

Tomoyuki, JE6MCA, is once again active as JE6MCA/JD1 from **Bonin Islands (AS-031)** until May 5th. Activity will be on the HF bands using mainly the Digital modes (JT65 QSNs on 15/17/40m) and some CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, eQSL or LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA

Makoto, JI5RPT, will once again be active as JD1BLY from **Chichijima Island (AS-031)** between April 30th and May 6th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (NO 6m EME). QSL via his home callsign JI5RPT. His log search will be available on his Web site at:

http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1

He will also use Twitter to inform his real-time activities at:

http://twitter.com/jd1bly

NCDXF NEWSLETTER

The Northern California DX Foundation's (NCDXF) 2016 Spring Newsletter is now available online with some great articles on recent DXpeditions at:
http://www.ncdxf.org/newsletters/2016-SPRING.pdf

P5, NORTH KOREA (P5DX-what could have been...)

On April 26th, Paul Ewing, N6PSE, founder of the Intrepid-DX Group , Co-Leader of the January 2016 DXpedition to South Sandwich and South Georgia Islands, posted the following on his Blog page (excerpt): " As a Blogger, my blog represents my thoughts and my views only. The content of this Blog does not represent anyone else but me.

This morning, I had to cancel a DXpedition. It was one of the hardest decisions of my life. It was not for lack of permission, it was not for lack of a team and equipment willing to go.

The prospect of a P5 activation brings out the worst in this hobby. The posers, the nuts, the ill-informed and the opinionated. But in the end, it mostly came down to a surprising lack of support and lack of funding from some of the world's paramount DX foundations when asked to fund grants to the world's #1 Most Wanted Entity."

This was just a excerpt/portion of a very long article that Paul wrote about a major DXpedition to P5 that was going to happen in May. Paul states, "After tireless efforts, we finally had a letter of invitation in hand from DPRK authorities inviting us into the country as the first-ever large scale amateur radio event." However, something happened which bought it to an end. Read the whole Blog (The P5DX Story) at:

https://n6pse.wordpress.com/2016/04/25/the-p5dx-story

Also, read the following on the ARRL Web page:
http://www.arrl.org/news/view/frustrated-funding-breached-secrecy-foiled-north-korea-dxpedition-group-leader-says

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (May 2-8th)

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May/02nd AN      May/05th  AN     May/07th  AN
May/03rd AN      May/06th  AN     May/08th  AN
May/04th HN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed Severe Storm K=6-9        100-400
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REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE **http://www.bandconditions.com**:
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:

http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (May 1st)
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8Q7FU via RM0F            GS0NWM via M0URX       R150S via R2DX
9H3XX via DJ2EH           HB20AA via HB9ARF      RA30CH via RA1ALA
CT7/RC2A via RC2A         HF2SDM via SP9PKZ      SC90SSA via SM7HZK
DM700BURG via DF1XC       IQ7YU/P via IQ7YU (e)  SD7W via DL2SWW
EA6/S55OO via S55OO       IS0/S50P via S50P      SV5/SM8C via SM0CMH
EM30H via UR4HWF          IY4FGM via I4KMW       T77LA via I4ZQS
EM7UT via UR7UT           M/DJ1AA/M via DJ1AA    T88FG via JR1EFG
EO30ROK via UW5RG         OH0/PA0VHA via PA0VHA  UI0L via RW0MM
EO30UC via UR4UC          OP16WIRE via ON6NL     ZM4G via ZL2IFB
EV30M via EW8OM           PX36C via PY1MT
GJ/M0HZY via K0UU (d/L)   PY2VOA via PY2AA (B)
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (*-B) DX's- Bureau
  (O) OQRS only  (C) ClubLog only  (L) LoTW only    * Do not send cards
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PIRATE ALERT. "The Daily DX" reports: The ever-persistent Hassan the pirate from

Baghdad, Iraq, continues to plague the Amateur Radio bands. This guy has been pirating and bootlegging multiple calls for several years. He has been heard bootlegging the calls YI1HR, YI1H, YI1HRP and YI1HI and pirating the calls YI1BGD, YI1IRQ, YI1DZ and most recently TA7/YI1RZ. Unfortunately in Iraq there does not seem to be any enforce- ment to take Hassan off the air, much less do anything about the sit- uation. Therefore let's get the word out not to work or spot Hassan who operates on 20 Meters SSB, usually around 14178-14188. In fact the best policy is to ignore him completely on the air.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 9M0O (AS-051), A25UK, A91HI (AS-202), E21IZC, F5MIW, FT4JA, SV1CEI, SV2GNC and UR5FA/MM

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4S7GWG, 4S7RTG, **JA8COE/6 (AS-056), PX8Z (SA-060), VK5CE/6 (OC-243), VK6NAX/P (OC-164)** and VP8ST

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: GA3YOR, JR2IOB, VK9DAC, VK9LC, XR0YJ and ZL9HR

S7, SEYCHELLES

A group calling their operation "A-Sixpedition" will be active as S79V from Villa Koket in the northeast **Mahe Island (AF-024)** between July 1-10th. Operators mentioned are Paul/A65DR/G7SLP/KW4CM, Joel/A65BX/N8XJ/JG1MBQ, Martin/A65DC/SA6MIW, Gerald/A65CB/DU1AZ, Obaid/ A61DJ and Keli/TF8KY. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. They state, "If our location allows we will make an effort in running 160m WSPR while not operating during nights." Their equipment consists 2x Kenwood TS590 with ACOM 1010 amplifiers @ 400w. Antennas: 8 monoband antennas will be used, for 17-10m they will have 2 element VDAs, 20m 3 element VDA, 30m 2 element phased array, 40m 2 element phased array and 80m top loaded vertical. QSL via IZ8CLM. They will also upload logs daily to ClubLog, LoTW, QRZ.com and eQSL.cc. For more details see:

http://www.a6dx.com/index.html

SV9, CRETE

Seppo OH1VR, will be active as SV9/OH1VR from Crete between May 12-18th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using mainly CW. He states, "It's a handbag trip with KX3 + Juma PA1000 + EFHW 80-10." QSL via his home callsign direct only.

XR0Y, EASTER ISLAND

Jeff, K5WE, will be active as XR0YS from Hanga Roa, **Easter Island (SA-001)**, beginning May 25th through June 8th. Activity will be on all bands, mostly CW with some RTTY, including an entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th). Subject to a reliable internet connection, logs will be uploaded to ClubLog daily. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW upon returning home. QSL via ClubLog OQRS or via K5WE.

XT, BURKINA FASO

Harald, DF2WO, is once again active as XT2AW from Ouagadougou until May 15th. Activity will be holiday style on all bands (depending on the propagation) using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and JT65. QSL via M0OXO, direct or OQRS **http://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/**

YJ, VANUATU

Geoff, ZL3GA, will once again be active as YJ0GA from the Benjor Beach Club on **Efate Island (OC-035)** between July 8-14th. Activity will be on the beach from oceanfront villa. Operations will be on 40-10 meters using 100 watts into a an End Fed Half Wave vertical. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW (preferred).

ZA, ALBANIA (by ZA/OH2BH - April 28th May 2nd) [Press Release]

Memories of rare DX: It was 1970 -- 46 years ago -- when ZA/OH2BH came on the air for the first Albania DX activation. Some 860 QSOS were made in a serious demonstration as Albania was on the top of all most-wanted lists.

That operation led to the first major Albania activation 21 years later -- in 1991 -- as ZA1A, by a large multi-national group. There were also several follow up operations by foreign operators, as well as an operation by ZA1A students, such as Geni, ZA1B, who was the Government liaison for ZA1A.

In 2003, a ham radio academic course, the first of its kind, was conducted at the Technical University of Tirana and ZA1UT was established as a club station. At the same time the contesting part of the group activated ZA1A in a multi-multi on the Durres beach and won Europe.

Now Martti is returning to that same beach with many fond memories, and he would like to contact some of the original 860 while he is there. Martti will only be on 17/20m. He will also sit down with Geni, ZA1B, to recall and treasure those memorable days.

So good days are now coming back.

ZD7, ST. HELENA ISLAND (ZD7VDE Postponed)

Bill, G0VDE, reports: "I've just received the disappointing news that the opening of St Helena airport has been postponed. Following the recent 'implementation flight' it appears there were issues with turbulence and windshear on approach to the runway from the north. As a result of the data gathered and the conditions ex- perienced, it has been decided that there is some additional work to be done in order to ensure the safe operation of scheduled passenger flights to and from St Helena Airport.

More information is available at:

http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/airport-opening-ceremony-postponed/

This is obviously disappointing but safety at a new airport is clearly paramount. The dates of my operation will be later in the summer, and I will let you know as soon as more information is available."

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http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

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http://www.nodxa.org
http://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation

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